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1922 CATALOGUE

Archer's Gardens

400 NORTH MARENGO AVENUE

ALHAMBRA CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES COUNTY



THE only show that we exhibited at last year was The California Flower and Horticultural Exhibition, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, with the following winnings:

1 St. Best Three year old Seedling shown with stems 12 blooms. (Ralph Ball)
Best 1921 Seedling shown with stem. (not named)
Most Artistic Exhibit.
Best 12 one variety.

2d. Best vase of one variety 25 bloom. (Alexandria)
Best General Display.

3d. Best vase of one variety 50 bloom (La Favorita) Most Meritorious exhibit.

An INVITATION

Visitors are always welcome at our place during the blooming season which is nearly the year round for some of our specialties. All lovers of flowers will find something here to suit their fancy, and we are proud of the fact that we have the best things grown in our lines. There is no better way to select what you want than to see it in bloom.

The Dahlia Society of Southern California

is an organization of Dahlia growers, both Commercial and Amateurs, who meet monthly and discuss the Dahlia in all its phases, issue bulletins and assist growers generally. Send your name to us with the dues—\$1.00 for one year.

Instructions for Planting

and growing Dahlias are sent with each shipment of tubers and if followed you will be sure to meet with success.

Guarantee

We guarantee all tubers and plants to be true to name as grown in our fields, and to reach our customers in growing condition; should any prove otherwise, they will be cheerfully replaced.

Prices Quoted

are for field-grown tutbers (not having been forced or propagated from) or for plants which will be ready in May and will give equally as good results as tubers, and some say better.

Parcel Post

Postage will be paid on retail orders of \$2.00 or more on all orders of less amounts a charge of 15c will be made to cover packing and postage.

Substitution

We do not substitute unless expressly noted, or by permission; but it is well to mention a few varieties that you are willing to have substituted should some of those selected by you be sold out.

*Alexandria. Peone. This is one of our own introductions and grown from our own seed. It has been perfectly constant in the form and color of bloom ever since the first bloom on the seeding plant and we feel positive it will do so continuously. The habit for the plant is vigorous in growth and a very prolific bloomer. Every plant has several blooms out at all times, making a wonderful showing. The stems are long and wiry, holding the bloom high above the bush. The size of bloom is from 5 to 8 inches in diameter.................................\$1.00

*Anna Maier. Dec. A huge decorative of mosts peculiar coloring, one of those shades so difficult to do justice to in description. A pinkish red like old velvet, varying to soft yellowish red towards the centre. The blooms are borne aloft on long wiry stems well above the foliage. A Dahlia which will grace any occasion, excellent for exhibiting, beautiful for cutting and ornamental in the garden. Plants only.......\$2.50

*Beaeuty of Rosemont. Dec. Rosy pink, buff base. Resembles the water lilly very much in form and very much admired. Flower medium sized, good stems and first class cut flower...............50c

Bertha Von Suttner. Dec. Peony. Salmon pink, shaded yellow. Large flowers held erect on long, stiff stems. The flower is remarkable in form, with broad petals twisted at points most artistically.......25c

Creamo. Decorative. A large, light creamy yellow bloom, extra strong stem. This variety is of decorative form early in the season but shows the yellow center during the latter part of its blooming period..35c

Creamo may be selected as the yellow in Special No. 1 if you ask for it when you place your order

*Catherine Cooper. Decorative. The flowers are very large and continue coming large the whole season, the habit and stems are good color, is rosy lavender. A beautiful flower and admired by all..........\$2.00

City of Portland. Peony. One of the best novelties ever introduced. Color of clear deep rich yellow. It has every good quality, immense

flowers that are graceful and artistic, held upright on long straight stems that show them in full view. The plants are strong and vigorous and produce their flowers with unusual freedom. This grand Dahlia will become very popular when it is known, as it is a perfect exhibition flower as well as for garden and cutting. This Dahlia won first prize for "The largest Dahlia" at the San Francisco Show in 1921................\$3.50

*Dr. Tevis. Decorative. A large and beautiful Dahlia with long stiff stems. Blooms up to 11 inches in diameter. The color is a lovely shade of salmon rose, suffused with old gold shading to a golden apricot. A wonderful Dahlia for exhibition and cut flower purposes.......\$1.00

Futurity. Decorative. Large blossom of old rose, Beautifully formed. Stem is long standing well above the foliage. Splendid cut flower..75c

*Hal Curtis. Paeony. A favorite with us because of its splendid stem and its lovely shading of old rose and salmon. It is the best type of Paeony with a center nearly hidden with clusters of tiny petals. Flowers are large, and it is one of the freest bloomers we grow.........\$1.00

*Jane Selby. Hybrid Cactus. A prize winning Dahlia whenever shown, has a long list of winnings both here and in the east. The bloom is as large as any Dahlia grown. Color a delicate mauve pink of great substance and beautiful formation. The stem is wonderful, long and stiff, and the flowers grow well above the foliage. It is an excellent cut flower and lasts well. \$1.00

*Jessie M. Williams. Paeony. A beautiful, soft dove color suffused with lilac rose. The flower is very large and fluffy and a delight to the eye. Its excellent stem combined with lasting qualities make it a valuable cut flower variety. Some Dahlias seem to love to bloom and this is one of that variety. \$1.00

Kakadee. Hybrid Cactus. A Scottich creation. A dwarf growing variety, with large flowers on good stems, carried well above the foliage. Color canary yellow center, passing to white at tips..............50c

King of the Autumn. Decorative. Large perfectly formed flowers, held erect on long stiff stems. The color is a beautiful shade of burnt amber, tinged and shaded old rose. A really beautiful cut flower....75c

King Albert. Decorative. A tall growing wonderful Royal Purple colored, rich and velvety, free bloomer and all around good flower. \$1.00

Liberty may be included as one of the four in Special No. 2 if you ask for it when you make your order.



La Favorita

Those marked (*) originated in California.

Special No. 4. Hybrid Cactus Group. One La Favorita and three other classy Hybrid Cactus of our selection, all different colors....\$4.00

Lady Helen. Hybrid Cactus. A beautiful Dahlia and admired by all. Color is striking, a beautiful toned cerice in the main body, with slight veins of white, almost cream, running through the petals. Wonderful long and good stems. A Dahlia any one will be proud of\$2.00

*Mabel Taft. Decorative. The coloring is novel, yellow, suffused with pinkish apricot, lighter in the center and shading deeper toward the outer petals. The very large flower has good depth and is composed of small peculiarly shaped petals which give it refinement as well as beauty. It is particularly lovely under artificial light. Stems are long and absolutely stiff and straight. As a cut flower, it has most unusual keeping qualities. A word of advice in growing. This Dahlia will produce a wonderful number of flowers but must be freely disbudded........\$2.00

Special No. 6. Six assorted varieties, same as above......\$1.00



Mrs. Jessie Seal

*Mrs. Richard Lohrman. Hybrid Cactus. A pure golden yellow of immense size, broad, curley petals; flowers high above the foliage, on long upright stems; excellent cut flower and very floriferous. A gold medal Dahlia\$1.50

*Mamie. Decorative. A garden variety of very striking appearance, being a dark garnet red, very much in contrast with the lovely foliage of the plant. Always in bloom. Form is perfect with closed center continuously through the season. One of our own introductions.......\$1.50



Prize woman -

Miss. Quality



Mrs. W. E. Estes

*Mrs. Edna Spencer. Hybrid Cactus. Color, lavender, shading to white. Bloom large on a strong and long stem. Blooms freely and will last a week when cut. A California Dahlia we are all proud of....\$1.50

*Mrs. R. R. Strange. Decorative. A wondrous coloring. A burnished copper with faint shadings of old rose and old gold. Not only a splendid garden flower with its fine large blooms held high above the foliage, but also very useful as a cut flower, having a new autumn coloring

Marabilis. Decorative. Paeony. A wonderful new Dahlia, which is especially good for exhibition as it grows very large. Color, lemon yellow. The petals are twisted and furled, making a very lovely bloom.\$2.50

You may have one of Nannie B. Mcor in Special No. 1 if you ask for it when you place your order. BRkc $^{\circ}$

*New Moon. Hybrid Cactus. A 1921 introduction. Awarded First Prize for the best established seedling in San Francisco show 1920. Color Canary yellow tipped white. A very free bloomer, straight stems and it possesses all good points for exhibition and garden work........\$5.00

*Osan Shudow. Decorative. The big, heavy loose petals produce a flower more like a gigantic rose than a Dahlia. The color is an old rose suffused with lilac and shading yellow to the center. The size is very large, from 8 to 12 inches. The bush is very sturdy and tall. The flower stem is long, thick and heavy and the bloom stands on the end. Truly one bloom is a bouquet. Absolutely always full center.......\$5.00

*Ollie Robinson. Decorative. A beautiful yellow, with loose and fluffy petals, a free bloomer and a good garden variety...........\$1.00
You may have Ollie Robinson as one of Special No. 3 if you ask for it when you make your order.

Patrick O'Mara. Decorative. The flowers are good size and borne on good long erect stems. The color is an unusual soft and pleasing shade of orange buff. It is a good cut flower and a beauty in the garden. \$3.00

Queen Esther. Paeony. A large petaled, gorgeous crimson red. Late bloomer and excellent exhibition and garden flower............\$1.00

Queen Mary. Decorative. Fine rose pink, free bloomer, good long and stiff stems, an excellent cut flower......25c

*Rosemawr. Decorative. Immense flowers, rich rose pink, dwarf branching habit, one of the very best pink decorative Dahlias.....\$1.50

You may have one Rosemawr in Special No. 3 if you ask for it when you make your order.

*Rookwood. Decorative. This Dahlia is of an entirely new shade of pink and of course difficult to describe. The color is more like the popular Mrs. Charles Russell rose than any flower in commerce. It is pure bright cerise rose, without the faintest touch of majenta, and is as beautiful under artificial light as the Russell rose. The flowers are immense, with good depth, and are held aloft on splendid straight stems. The bushes grow low and spreading and are always a mass of bloom. The blossoms are a true decorative type all the season and we never had a more distinctive coloring in the garden...........\$10.00

*Stunner. Decorative. Immense canary yellow flowers of the finest form. Strong, sturdy grower, long, straight stems held high.......\$1.00



Sulphuria

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Sulphuria. Decorative. Exceeding long, aster like petals, of clear sulphur yellow. This is one of my favorite Dahlias, early bloomer and long good stems.....\$1.00



Ralph Ball

*Ralph Ball. Decorative. One of our own introductions and we are proud of it. It has wonderful large blooms with a good closed center through the entire season. The average bloom is 7 inches in diameter, a good steady bloomer, the bloom is placed on the end of the stem and lasts excellent as a cut flower. The color is a bold canary yellow, blending with most any other color. It was first exhibited at the California Flower and Horticultural Exhibition this year and easily won the First Prize for the best Three-Year Seedling shown with stems, 12 blooms. \$5.00

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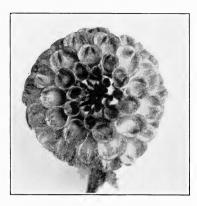
- *Shasta. Decorative. A very fine, large white flower with long and straight stems. The petals are cleft on the end and make a very pleasing bloom. Does not burn in the sun and keeps wonderful when cut..\$1.00
- *Surprise. Cactus. Rich orange amber, bright yellow center, with good habit and freedom of bloom, very striking in the garden.....50c

- *Sweet Sixteen. Paeony. A tall growing pink and white bloom standing on long stems away above the plant, a very striking garden variety.50c

You may have Sweet Sixteen as one in Special No. 2 if you ask for it when you place your order.

- U. S. A. Hybrdi Cactus. This is a grand good kind with monstrous bloom of that lovely color, deep orange. The petals are rolled and curled in most grotesque forms, making a wonderfully attractive flower. It has all the good qualities you could ask in one Dahlia. This is one Dahlia that does not get cheaper as it gets older. You can guess why....\$5.00
- *Washington City. Hybrid Cactus. A very prolific White Dahlia, when the bloom is open the rich yellow center blending out into the pure white petals which being pointed, forms a beautiful star shaped flower.\$1.50

You may have Washington City as one in Special No. 4 if you ask for it when you place your order.



Pom Pom Dahlias

Pon Pon Dahlias. Those wonderful little balls of beauty. They are becoming more popular every year, and deservedly so, as they have so many good qualities. The little compact mass of petals are so artistic, with the great variety of colorings, everlastingly blooming, keep longer than any other kind of Dahlias, when cut. Their being small allows for many uses where the monsters cannot be used. No garden is complete without a few Pon Pons.

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Bees Wing. Golden yellow tipped red35c
Cardinal
Elegante. Soft pink
Elsie. White
Fashion. Gold tipped white
Gretchen Heinie. White tipped pink50c
Geo. Ireland. Mauve
Gruss Am Wein. Crushed Strawberry35c
Gloria. Wine and white
Henrietta. Sulphur yellow and rosy lilac
Johnnie. Deep maroon*35c
Little Prince. Lavender and white
Madaline. Cream tipped rose
Nerrissa. Amber buff
Prince Charming. Lavender tipped crimson purple35c
Rapheal Maroon
Sea Shell. Mauve
Spy. Orange scarlet
Sunset. Orange
Vivid. Crimson
Union Jack. (Single) Red and White
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Collarette Dahlias

The Collarette Dahlias are the newest introduction and are very striking in appearance, being composed of a single row of petals in the back and partially covered with another row of small petals, usually of a contrasting color which gives it distinction. They bloom very freely, do not need be disbudded and last wonderfully as cut flowers.

Dora Fisher. Pink with white collar
Geant De Lyon. Maroon with white collar
Hoot Mon. Rosy carmine with white collar50c
Maurice Ravonie. Red with white collar
San Mateo Star. Cerise with white collar. Largest of all\$1.50

. Dahlia Seed

If you enjoy growing Dahlias you should try some of our selected Dahlia seed, as this is the way new varieties are obtained. You do not know what you will get until they come in bloom but you will certainly get an abundance of bloom and you may get a wonder, no one can tell, and many have been made from our seed.

We give you full directions for growing with each packet of seed. These seed bloom the first year and you will derive a great deal of pleasure from them and it is not difficult. We put them up in 25c, 50c and One Dollar packets.



The above cut will aid you in getting to our place by auto. If you come by street car from Los Angeles, which is only eight miles, take the Pacific Electric Car for Alhambra and Stop at Marengo Ave., walk four blocks north. Or you may take the Pasadena (Oak Knoll) car and stop at Fletcher St., South Pasadena, and walk six blocks South. Visitors are always welcome.



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